The Poinsettia — Ideal Christmas Flower

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The poinsettia is a very interesting and cherished emblem of the Christmas holiday period. It is a truly American tradition because this tropical shrub is native to Mexico.

In terms of its modern use, the plant was discovered by Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett of Charleston, S.C. in 1828. He was serving as the first minister to Mexico, as a member of the diplomatic corps. At that time, the plant was called Flower of the Holy Night, or Flame Leaf. Dr. Poinsett sent cuttings to a nurseryman in Philadelphia who specialized in collecting new plants.

The conspicuous feature of the poinsettia is not a flower, but actually a collection of colored leaves or bracts. These grow around small inconspicuous yellow flowers at the top of the plant. On the native plants, these bracts are relatively small, but have an attractive red color.

Credit for the improvement of the poinsettia should be given to Albert Ecke of California. This Swiss farmer applied modern growing and plant breeding techniques to increase the size of the bracts, and intensify their color. He made his first sale of superior selections in 1906.

Paul Ecke, Jr. has carried on the work of his father and further improved this unique flower. He has developed new varieties which hold their foliage longer, and may be grown at lower temperatures than their tropical ancestors. As a result, of his work, Encinitas, which is about 25 miles north of San Diego, Calif., is the poinsettia capital of the world.

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VA Questions & Answers

EDITORS NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q - I am a widow in receipt of a VA pension with the aid and attendance allowance. Am I eligible for drugs and medicines from VA?

A - No. This provision applies only to veterans in receipt of pension with housebound or aid and attendance allowance.

Q - Who is eligible for VA's vocational rehabilitation?

A - Basically, a veteran must have a service-connected disability rated at 10 per cent or more to be eligible for vocational rehabilitation. Additional qualifications may be obtained at any VA office.

Q - What period of time must a veteran be missing to be considered deceased by the Veterans Administration?

A - A veteran who is missing and whose whereabouts are unknown for seven years may be presumed dead by the VA.

Q - I was hospitalized at a VA hospital in another state. How do I have my records transferred to the VA hospital now teating me?

A - The VA hospital providing medical treatment will request your records during your first visit.

Q - To be a volunteer at a VA hospital, is it necessary to work every day?

A - Typical volunteer assignments range from a few hours to a full day or two each week.

Q - If a widow receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation becomes employed, does she lose her right to this benefit?

A - No. Income is not a factor for DIC.

Q - A veteran's educational assistance may be apportioned in behalf of his dependents. Does this include dependent parents?

A - No. Educational assistance may not be apportioned for dependent parents.

CVCC To Offer Beginner Shop Courses

Central Virginia Community College will offer courses in Auto Fuel Systems (AUTO 121-2N), Auto Power Trains I (AUTO 154-1N), Welding ARC, GAS, TIG), and Machine Shop (MECH 131-1N) as part of its evening program for the Winter of 1977. The courses do not require previous experience and will be taught on the beginners level.

Persons may register during CVCC's regular registration period, Dec. 15, 1976; or on January 3, 1977 during the first week of classes.

For further information call the Division of Engineering and Technology at CVCC, 239-0321, extension 240.

WHITE OAKGROVE BAPTIST JUNIOR CHURCH

The White Oak Grove Baptist Junior Church will have a Christmas program on Thursday night, December 23rd at 6 P.M.

Everyone is invited.

Holiday Greetings

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